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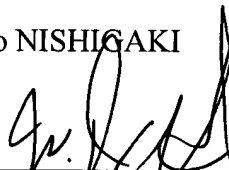
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 - e. ☒ the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
 - U.S. 5,462,057 corresponds to JP 7-327991
 - U.S. 5,148,810 corresponds to JP 6-22965
 - WO 96/032921 corresponds to JP 10-506802
5. ☒ A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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